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Highlights of State Preparations for White House Conference on Aging

State plans for preparation activities for the White House Conference on Aging cover broad and varied programs between now and January 1961. Development of these plans has involved participation by large numbers of citizens, by representatives of public and private agencies and organizations, and official State agencies on aging.

In *Aging* 59 and in this issue, lists are given of the people designated in 35 States and the District of Columbia to assume responsibility for their respective WHCA plans. These 36 jurisdictions have received grants from DHEW. All of them have agreed to carry out certain basic provisions of the White House Conference on Aging Act. Many have already set dates for local and State conferences, and are now making specific plans for a variety of other activities.

Highlights of State plans follow:

ALABAMA: The Governor's designee will be assisted by a Committee of the State Department of Pensions and Security. Miss Elizabeth Perry will serve as Executive Secretary. A State Advisory Committee will be named, with representation from at least 34 State departments, private organizations and agencies.

ALASKA: Regional conferences may begin by January 1960, with the State conference planned in March or April.

ARKANSAS: At least 35 State agencies and voluntary organizations will be represented on the Commission on Aging which hopes to organize committees in each county. A series of regional meetings will lead up to the State conference.

CALIFORNIA: Local conferences will be encouraged; three have already taken place, involving participation of 1,200 people. One of these meetings was exclusively for older people. The State conference will be held early in the fall of

1960. Participation of State agencies is being guided by the Governor's Council Committee on Health and Welfare, consisting of the State Directors of Education, Employment, Industrial Relations, Mental Hygiene, Public Health, Social Welfare, and Veterans' Affairs.

CONNECTICUT: Regional conferences or hearings, or both, will be held throughout the State, with the State conference in Hartford scheduled for Spring 1960. The State survey will be conducted by the Commission on Services for Elderly Persons, the University of Connecticut, and various State agencies. In addition to statistical data and a review of services available, a summary of views of older citizens and community leaders will be compiled.

DELAWARE: The Director of the State Division of the Aging and the Board of Trustees of the State Welfare Home and Hospital for the Chronically Ill will appoint a Central Committee of the Delaware Citizens Council on Aging to participate in Conference planning. It is hoped that committees can also be appointed in communities throughout the State.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: The eventual membership of the D. C. Council on Aging may number 40 people. An Executive Secretary, Mrs. Winifred Bassett, began work on September 1. The District Conference on Aging will be held no later than June 1960.

GEORGIA: The Interdepartmental Council on Gerontology will be aided by a planning committee, which will be divided into subcommittees for each subject matter area of the Conference. Local committee chairmen will be called together during September in a series of ten regional planning meetings. Similar meetings will be held in March 1960 to review progress and develop the agenda for the State conference, scheduled for June 16-17, 1960, at the Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia, Athens.

HAWAII: A Governor's Commission on Aging has been appointed to work with the Governor's designee. The State conference will probably be held in Honolulu in May 1960.

IOWA: An interdepartmental committee of State government agencies and a statewide committee on aging will be established to participate in the Iowa program.

KANSAS: The Employment Security Division of the Kansas Department of Labor, working with the Interdepartmental Committee on Aging, will be responsible for carrying out the State plan. A number of local conferences will be held during 1959, preliminary to the State conference next year at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The proposed budget includes an executive secretary and a research staff member.

KENTUCKY: The Commissioner of Economic Security will work with the Citizen's Commission on Aging and the Interdepartmental Committee on Aging to develop the State program. An executive secretary will be employed.

LOUISIANA: The Commission on the Aging proposes eight one-day regional conferences, centered at colleges and junior colleges.

MARYLAND: The Federal grant of \$15,000 will supplement a State appropriation of \$25,000 for the first year's work of the State Coordinating Commission on Problems of the Aging. Subcommittees are now at work on various aspects of the State survey.

MASSACHUSETTS: A statewide advisory committee of 100 has been appointed to work with the State Council for the Aging. The first meeting is planned for October 15. Local councils on aging (over 100 at present) and about 150 senior citizens clubs will take part in planning five regional conferences. Demonstrations will be set up in communities to show activities in operation.

MICHIGAN: The State Commission on Aging is working through eleven regions, and both regional and local committees are being established. Local committees are to be organized in such a way as to insure their existence after the White House Conference. There has been discussion of having the State conference consist of a series of regional conferences, all to be held on the same day with a similar format, with possible use of a television hook-up. Mr. Leonard Gernant has started work as Executive Secretary of the Commission.

MINNESOTA: Planning will be supervised by the Minnesota Governor's Citizens Council on Aging, which has named a White House Conference Planning Committee. Chairman is Professor Arnold M. Rose of the University of Minnesota. Demonstration projects will be conducted in five rural counties, with active participation

and support by County Commissioners and public and private agencies. The Minnesota Division of the American Association of University Women is conducting a survey of the needs, interests, and utilization of resources of the aged population in ten cities. Two regional conferences and an institute on aging have already been conducted, and four other regional conferences are being planned, to take place on college campuses.

MISSISSIPPI: A statewide conference was held in Oxford September 23-25 to help stimulate citizen interest and prepare the groundwork for a broad program of activity.

MISSOURI: A 70-member Commission on Aging has been appointed to direct planning in Missouri. Chairman is Mr. Emil E. Brill, Senior Vice President of the General American Life Insurance Company, Box 396, Main Post Office, St. Louis 66.

NEBRASKA: The Governor will appoint a chairman to work with the Division of Public Welfare on the State program.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: During September the Council to Study Problems of the Aging conducted four planning meetings to enlist the interest and support of a large number of State agencies and voluntary groups. Tentative plans for area meetings next spring, perhaps ten in number, will be discussed with 60 lay leaders at a meeting in Concord in November.

NEW JERSEY: The State Committee for the Conference will consist of members of the newly appointed Citizens Council and representatives of approximately 50 organizations. The Division of Aging will make available to local groups a summary of available information and a work book to serve as a survey guide. Local and regional conferences will be held. A special conference on dental aspects of aging is being planned with the State Dental Society.

NEW YORK: Mrs. Marcelle G. Levy began work on September 1 as Consultant to the New York State Committee for the Conference. Participation of State agencies will be assured through the Interdepartmental Committee on Problems of the Aging.

NORTH CAROLINA: The Governor's Coordinating Commission on Aging has made effective use of county-wide conferences during the past two years, and this approach will continue to be emphasized.

OHIO: The Commission on Aging, in cooperation with the Interdepartmental Committee on Aging, will have primary responsibility for carrying out the State program. The Governor will also name a Committee on Aging, with representation for each of Ohio's 88 counties.

OKLAHOMA: An advisory committee will be named to work with the Oklahoma Committee on Aging and regional and factfinding committees will also be selected. Regional meetings will take place during November. In March 1961 a State "followup" conference will review recommendations from the White House Conference and make final recommendations to the Governor.

OREGON: The State Council on Aging has appointed a ten-member State Conference Steering Committee, headed by Mrs. Helen Zollinger of Portland. Approximately 225 public and voluntary agencies and organizations have been invited to participate in planning the State conference, scheduled for April 29-30 in Salem. Four or more regional conferences will precede the State meeting. Oregon is working together with Washington State to make the most effective use of speakers from outside the area.

PENNSYLVANIA: The Governor's Committee on Aging has been expanded to over 200 members, including 67 chairmen of county committees, and has become the Governor's White House Conference Committee. To coordinate State agency participation, a White House Conference Departmental Resource Committee has been created. Local and/or regional conferences are planned between November 1959 and April 1960, and the State conference will take place in September 1960. A preliminary meeting has been held to develop a working relationship with the 12 major councils of social agencies in Pennsylvania. A guide for local surveys will be prepared.

RHODE ISLAND: A 100-member committee will aid the Division on Aging in planning two statewide conferences, one in January 1960 and the other in June 1960. The first meeting will provide for orientation, explanation of subcommittee assignments and meetings of subcommittees, and will emphasize the need for evaluative study. The second conference will be the occasion for subcommittee reports and recommendations which will form the basis for the State report.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Planning will be directed by the Governor's Committee for the WHCA. In the fall a conference of State agency directors will be called to determine their role in the program. Regional meetings are planned for early Spring 1960 in Aberdeen, Watertown, Brookings, Sioux Falls, Vermillion, Mitchell, Huron, Pierre, Rapid City and Hot Springs. The State conference will take place in Pierre in the late Spring.

TENNESSEE: The Program Coordination Section of the Division of Finance and Administration will be responsible for conducting the State program. Mr. Clarence W. Boebel is serving as Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Staff

for the White House Conference on Aging. From each of the three Grand Divisions of the State 12 citizens will be named to the Governor's Statewide Planning Committee, which will also include a number of State officials. Planning will be by regions, centered around Johnson City, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Jackson, Memphis and Union City. A conference will probably take place in each region. The State survey will be developed cooperatively with the Tennessee Legislative Council. Arrangements will be made for a followup State conference after January 1961.

WASHINGTON: The Council on Aging will work with the Governor's designee to carry out the State plan, which includes four regional conferences during September and October. The State conference will take place next spring.

WEST VIRGINIA: The Governor's designee will work with the Commission on Problems of the Aging. A State conference was held in Charleston on September 25, with Under Secretary of HEW Bertha S. Adkins as principal speaker. Another State conference will be held during 1960.

WISCONSIN: The State conference will probably take place next summer. A questionnaire has already been sent to interested organizations and agencies to enlist their support, advice, and cosponsorship. The Interdepartmental Committee on the Aging Population recently released a comprehensive survey, and efforts will now be made to develop guidelines, based on this report, for a broad and comprehensive program.

These plans, especially where dates are involved, are in some cases subject to change.

In addition, Arizona and Nevada have received minimum grants of \$5,000 each. Their State plans are being developed and will be reported in a future issue of *Aging*.

Additional information about State programs is available from the respective Governors' designees and/or official State agencies in aging.

A revision is now in preparation of the Special Staff on Aging's 27-page publication, "Motion Pictures—Recordings on Aging" (a selected listing of Visual and Auditory Presentations).

We invite additional listings, corrections, or any other information to help bring this catalog up to date and to make it as accurate as possible. Information for listings should include title, short (no more than three sentences) summary and description, name and address of producer, date of release, full technical data (if film, whether b&w or color, sound, 16-mm, whether cleared for use on TV, etc.; if recording, whether taped, speed, etc.), and availability with price and address of source for purchase, loan, rental, etc.

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Additional Grants for WHCA Planning

By September 20, 35 States and the District of Columbia had received grants from the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to help finance activities under the White House Conference on Aging Act (P.L. 85-908). Total amount of these 36 grants is \$514,200.

The first 27 States to receive grants were listed in *Aging* 59. Nine additional grants were made during the month passed, each for the maximum of \$15,000. Names of persons designated by the Governor to direct planning for the WHCA in each of these nine jurisdictions follow:

CALIFORNIA

Mr. Louis Kuplan, Executive Secretary
Citizens Advisory Committee on Aging
722 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dr. Jack Kleh, Chairman, Steering Committee
District of Columbia Council on Aging
c/o D. C. Village, Foot of Nichols Ave., S.W..

KANSAS

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Kansas Department of Labor
Topeka.

MINNESOTA

Mr. Morris Hursh
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OHIO

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85 South Washington Ave., Columbus.

OKLAHOMA

Dr. George L. Cross, President
University of Oklahoma
Norman.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. Charles Feeney
Director of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance
State of South Dakota, Pierre.

TENNESSEE

Mr. Edward J. Boling, Director
Division of Finance and Administration
State Capitol, Nashville.

New Advisory Committee Members Named

Secretary of HEW Arthur S. Flemming named 20 additional outstanding citizens to serve on the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Aging. These additional members were selected to achieve the broad coverage desired for full citizen participation. The total membership of the Advisory Committee is now 148.

The 20 new Advisory Committee members are:

MRS. MARGARET ARNOLD (MRS. DEXTER O. ARNOLD), of 6 Dearborn Road, Concord, New Hampshire.
MRS. MARY BANNISTER, of 115 Newton Street, Holyoke, Mass.
BERNARD BARNES, of Hastings on Hudson, N. Y.
CLARK BLACKBURN, of 25 Montrose Road, Scarsdale, N. Y.
JOHN BROPHY, of 902 Lincoln Ave., Falls Church, Va.
THOMAS H. CARROLL, II, D.C.S., of Maywood Road, Darien, Conn.
VINCENT P. CARROLL, D.O., of 1920 Glenneyre St., Laguna Beach, Calif.
WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR., of 612 W. Hortter, Philadelphia, Penna.
J. DOUGLAS COLMAN, of 55 E. 34th Street, New York, N. Y.
ROBERT J. deCAMP, of 6232 Pemberton Drive, Dallas, Texas.
MOTHER M. BERNADETTE de LOURDES, of 420 E. 59th Street, New York, N. Y.
BAYARD L. ENGLAND, of Glenside and Woode-Lyne Boulevard, Linwood, N. J.
WALTER FOODY, of 10203 South Wood Street, Chicago, Ill.
SAMUEL D. GERSHOVITZ, of 140 Palmer Avenue, Larchmont, N. Y.
DONALD P. KENT, Ph.D., of Route 2, Storrs, Conn.
WILLIAM F. O'DONNELL, of 507 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, Ky.
MISS THELMA ELIZABETH PORTER, Ph.D., of 309 Orchard Street, East Lansing, Mich.
MISS JOSEPHINE ROCHE, of 1026 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
NAT S. ROGERS, of 16 Holly Lane, Mercer Island, Seattle, Wash.
DONALD H. STUBBS, M.D., of 305 Mansion Drive, Alexandria, Va.

State Delegate Quotas for WHCA

Quotas of delegates assigned to the States for the White House Conference on Aging were announced on September 13 by Advisory Committee Chairman Robert W. Kean. 1,740 out of a total of 3,000 delegates will represent States, the District of Columbia, and Territories. The remaining 1,260 delegates will include representatives of national organizations, and Federal departments and agencies. Procedures for allocation of these 1,260 delegates have not yet been determined.

Assignment of quotas was made in accordance with recommendations of the citizens' Advisory Committee, approved by Secretary of HEW Arthur S. Flemming. The Secretary has responsibility for planning and conducting the Conference with the advice of the Advisory Committee.

Selection of delegates will be made by governors and chief executive officers of the various jurisdictions involved.

It was previously recommended by the Advisory Committee that "persons with professional identification in the field of aging should not exceed one out of every three delegates appointed by the States," and that there should be a maximum allocation of 100 delegates and a minimum of 10 from any one State.

The State quotas are based on the number of U.S. Representatives in Congress, but in some instances States with few Representatives were allotted more than the minimum 10:

State	Number of Delegates
Alabama	36
Alaska	10
Arizona	12
Arkansas	24
California	100
Colorado	17
Connecticut	24
Delaware	10
Florida	32
Georgia	40
Hawaii	11
Idaho	11
Illinois	100
Indiana	44
Iowa	32
Kansas	24
Kentucky	32
Louisiana	32
Maine	14
Maryland	28
Massachusetts	56
Michigan	72
Minnesota	36
Mississippi	24
Missouri	44
Montana	11
Nebraska	17
Nevada	10
New Hampshire	11
New Jersey	56
New Mexico	12
New York	100
North Carolina	48
North Dakota	12
Ohio	92
Oklahoma	24
Oregon	17
Pennsylvania	100
Rhode Island	12
South Carolina	24
South Dakota	12
Tennessee	36
Texas	88
Utah	12
Vermont	10
Virginia	40
Washington	28
West Virginia	24
Wisconsin	40
Wyoming	10
District of Columbia	12
Guam	1
Puerto Rico	14
Virgin Islands	2

By August 1959, paid subscriptions to AGING reached a total of 4,168.

WHCA Planning Committees Are Active

Most of the 20 Planning Committees for the WHCA have developed outlines for background papers during the past weeks. These are now being reviewed by committee members and special consultants. Some Committees have already arranged meetings with their Technical Directors; others are doing their review work by mail. The background papers themselves are in preparation, and a first draft of one ("Education For Aging" by Dr. Blue Carstenson) is being circulated among Committee members for comment. This paper, at the suggestion of Education Planning Committee Chairman George E. Davis of Indiana, will be ultimately reviewed and criticized by about 150 people to get the benefit of comment and advice from key people in *every State* as well as those in every area of education and several "senior-citizens-at-large."

A preliminary meeting of all Technical Directors in mid-September focused on the need for developing background papers so that all who will be concerned with WHCA plans in each of the 20 subject-matter categories will have sufficient background information by late 1959. Each of the Planning Committee Chairmen (listed on p. 2 of *Aging* 59) will welcome suggestions for their respective areas of interest.

International Association of Gerontology

The International Association of Gerontology will hold its Fifth International Congress in San Francisco August 7-12, 1960. The basic purpose of the Association is to promote the discovery, development and dissemination of systematic knowledge concerning the aging process and the aging individual, as well as social changes and adaptations brought about by aging populations.

Papers submitted for presentation to the Congress should represent reports of original research in the field, or systematic evaluations of operating programs. Papers should be of such quality that they would be acceptable for the program of any professional or scientific society.

Abstracts of the papers to be presented at the Fifth International Congress must not exceed 250 words in length, should be typewritten in English and double-spaced, with ample margins on all sides. No tabular material shall be included in the abstracts. Four copies of each abstract should be submitted not later than December 15, 1959 to the appropriate section of the Congress as indicated below:

Biological Sciences: Prof. James F. Danielli, 182 West Hill, Putney, London 15, England; Dr. Nathan W. Shock, Chief, Gerontological Branch, Baltimore City Hospitals, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

Clinical Medicine: Dr. J. A. Huet, 1 place d'Iena, Paris 16, France; Dr. Herman T. Blumenthal, The Jewish Hospital, 216 South Kingshighway, St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.

Psychology and the Social Sciences: Henning Friis, Director, Danish National Institute of Social Research, Nyhavn, 38, 5, Copenhagen, K., Denmark; Clark Tibbitts, Special Staff on Aging, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A.

Social Welfare: Henning Friis, Danish National Institute of Social Research, Nyhavn, 38, 5, Copenhagen, K., Denmark; Louis Kuplan, P. O. Box 2103, Sacramento 10, California, U.S.A.

An invitation for participation from the President of the Fifth Congress, Mr. Louis Kuplan, has been transmitted through some 80 foreign posts of the Department of State. The International Association is not made up of individual membership, but is an association of over 30 gerontological societies.

NEWS ITEMS

Chicago

Progress of the Mayor's Commission for Senior Citizens (64 E. Lake St., Chicago 1) was marked by two special events during the past month: Senior Citizens Week scheduled for September 27-October 3, and a special Conference on retirement education held on September 29. Chairman for both of these Commission projects was Mr. H. M. Oliver, Jr.

Chicago's Senior Citizens Week was observed to make the general population aware of the growing number of older citizens (almost 400,000 over 65 in Chicago), and to help the older citizens to see how and where the community needs their experience and skills. Special planning committees were set up for church participation, civic groups, public agencies, social agencies and institutions, and special events.

The week's activities coincided with a conference on "What's New in Health for Older People" held by the Health Division of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, and the annual meeting in Chicago of the National Recreation Association which included a special session on "Medical and Financial Aspects of Recreation for the Aging." Mr. Oliver emphasized that this annual Chicago Senior Citizens Week was not a "once-a-year greeting," but that it helped all age groups to learn about the meaning of longer life in a society which offers more and more free time. A "Loop Spree" on September 28 included theatre parties and special luncheons for more than 3,000 senior citizens.

The Conference on Planning and Preparation for Retirement was held at the Sherman Hotel, in cooperation with the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, the Chicago Federation of Labor, and the Cook County Industrial Union Council. With the theme "Time for Living,"

this conference considered the results of 8,000 questionnaires sent out during the past few months to determine the need for retirement education.

St. Louis

The dedication of a special Senior Citizens' Park in St. Louis marked the beginning of a program for establishment of additional outdoor parks for older people in the St. Louis area. The completed Park is a three-acre sunken garden area, improved by construction of a six-lane shuffleboard court which can be used for outdoor dancing, as a barbeque pit, as a covered patio, for picnic tables and benches, or for other games. At the August 28 dedication a fish fry was attended by some 1,400 senior citizens.

According to Mr. Joseph B. Shank, Administrator of the St. Louis Chronic Hospital, 5800 Arsenal St., St. Louis 39, additional outdoor parks on a neighborhood basis are being planned because many older people do not like parks where they must "compete" with younger people, and would prefer parks of their own.

Plans are also being developed for the City of St. Louis to construct a new enlarged senior citizens building with facilities for application of special preventative measures already in effect at the St. Louis Chronic Hospital.

Two senior centers have been maintained and operated on the 33-acre property of the Chronic Hospital by the Greater St. Louis Centers for Senior Citizens, Inc. Some 1,200 oldsters (over 50) attend these two centers monthly. In June Mr. Shank, together with Mr. Anthony A. Salamone, Director of Adult Education at St. Louis University, escorted four bus loads of senior citizens on a trip to the National Convention of Golden Age and Senior Citizens Clubs at Lakeland, Fla.

A leaflet describing the centers at the Chronic Hospital, as well as additional information about the special Park, is available from Mr. Shank.

Seattle

Seattle's Hamilton House for Senior Citizens is an excellent example of united community effort which produced outstanding results. Under a unique sponsorship combination of local community (no Community Chest Funds), State, and Federal government financing, with research as a vital facet of agency structure, Hamilton House also serves as a training center for graduate students from the University of Washington.

Located in a small, renovated, two-story house, Seattle's first activity center for senior citizens has acquired nearly 500 members in a year and a half, with a monthly average attendance of 1,000. It offers a broad and diversified recre-

ational, social, educational, and avocational program in organized group activities, as well as the latitude for individual expression. No one "just sits."

During September a special program, "Help for Tired Ears," was conducted for hard-of-hearing older adults. Four lectures and discussions, conducted by trained staff of the Seattle Hearing and Speech Center, covered the general problem of hearing difficulties, and dealt with such specifics as prevention and hearing aids. Individual consultation was made available.

The purpose of Hamilton House is "to provide the older adult with a center in which to continue interests, to gain new skills in creative activities, to participate in community service, to meet new and old friends, and to have fun." This sounds like a statement of purpose worth adopting.

Tallmadge Hamilton House, 5225 15th Ave., N.E., Seattle 5, Washington, has been in operation since early 1958 as a day center with a professional staff. Opened under the cosponsorship of the Seattle and King County Council on Aging, and the Washington State Health Department (with a grant from the U.S. Public Health Service), it has also had special help from the University Kiwanis Club.

First *Annual Report* of Hamilton House, as well as program flyers and an evaluation of the "Help for Tired Ears" program, are available from Miss Betty Jane Rank, Executive Director. This *Report* (6 pp., mimeographed) gives a full description of the founding and purpose of the center, and of the program (30 organized activities weekly), and financial status.

Detroit

A special plan to permit more senior citizens to participate in adult education classes was announced by the Division of Adult Education of Wayne State University in Detroit and by the University of Michigan.

As an experiment for one year any person over 65 will be permitted to enroll in any of the Division's courses for a \$2 registration fee. The normal tuition is \$20. The number of registrations in any one course may be limited by the Division, but there are more than 100 courses to provide a wide variety of fields, including art, music, philosophy, and literature.

While most classes will be offered in the cultural center either on the Wayne State University campus or at The University of Michigan, some classes are also held in seven different nearby communities. Last year more than 5,000 participated in the Adult Education Program. There were only 84 people in the over-60 cate-

gory, however, as compared to more than 1,300 in the 31-40 bracket.

More information: Dr. Hamilton Stillwell, Director, Division of Adult Education, 60 Farnsworth, Wayne State University, Detroit.

San Diego

In San Diego a Senior Citizens' Activity Committee, with voluntary membership from individual Clubs, was established late this spring. First issue of the *San Diego Senior Citizens' News* was issued in July, and a number of community-wide projects have been started to seek lower transit fares, movie and ballgame tickets for senior citizens, and to obtain free passes for the zoo. Some 12 senior citizens clubs participated after the first meeting.

The *News*, now published monthly, is available in limited supply without cost. More information: Mr. James A. Garfield, Director of Senior Citizens Information, Community Welfare Council of San Diego, 645 A St., San Diego 1.

Cincinnati

In Cincinnati, at the request of the employment committee of the Community Council for the Aging, the Men's Personnel Club sponsored an opinion survey among Cincinnati industry. The Cincinnati Industrial Institute made the survey and tabulated the results. Some 84 firms (which employ about 50% of the manufacturing work force in the Cincinnati area) were surveyed. As a result, an older worker conference for the general public is now being planned.

Miss Kathryn D. Goodwin, a Federal public assistance official for 20 years, was appointed Director of the Bureau of Public Assistance, Social Security Administration, to succeed Jay L. Roney. She has been Deputy Director of the Bureau of Public Assistance since 1953. She worked with the Wisconsin Emergency Relief Administration as director of social service from 1934 to 1937. In 1938, she was appointed assistant director of Wisconsin's Public Welfare Department.

Miss Goodwin is a member of the National and International Associations of Social Workers, the American Public Welfare Association, and the National Conference on Social Welfare.



An "INFORMATIVE GUIDE FOR REPORTS from the States and Territories on Facts and Recommendations for the White House Conference on Aging" (8 pp., processed) was prepared and issued by the WHCA staff in September for distribution through DHEW regional offices. Initial distribution to all States has already been made.

The impact of present day retirement policies and practices upon the nation's economy and upon the older people themselves will be examined at Cornell University during the next three years under a \$190,000 Ford Foundation grant.

Under the study, which is sponsored by the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell, the retirement policies of industrial organizations as well as those of non-profit organizations such as schools, colleges, and welfare and government agencies will be evaluated.

A research team plans to analyze the specific arrangements, automatic as well as selective, which are currently used by organizations and also to evaluate the programs now in use for pre-retirement planning. At the conclusion of the study recommendations on courses of action will be offered to business and government managers.

The study will be carried on by faculty members of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations with the assistance of Patricia M. Smith, associate professor of psychology. Fred Slavick and E. B. Shultz, both of whom have recently joined the staff of the School, will have direct responsibility for carrying out the program. Mr. Slavick was formerly a professor at the State University of Iowa, and Mr. Shultz was head of the Labor Relations Branch of the Tennessee Valley Authority and secretary of the TVA Retirement Board.

The program will be under the general direction of John W. McConnell, dean of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations.



From an editorial on "Employing the Older Worker" in the August 28 issue of *NAM News* (National Association of Manufacturers, 2 E. 48th St., New York 17):

"Surveys taken by NAM among its members reveal an almost universal satisfaction with the performance of older workers. A 1951 study showed that 92.7 percent of the employers consider the older worker to be equal to or better than the younger worker in work performance. In attendance, 98.1 percent consider the older worker to be equal or better. The older worker's safety record is reported to be equal or better by 97.4 percent and the vote in regard to work attitude was 99.2 percent.

"A more recent survey among 500 member companies of NAM showed that most employers are hiring older job applicants on the basis of qualification rather than age and some indicated a preference for 'over 45' applicants where skilled work is involved. It was generally agreed that company pension plans should not mitigate

against the hiring of 'over 45' job seekers. Many respondents indicated the advantages of hiring older workers, noting that they are 'more dependable,' 'more emotionally mature,' 'more conscientious,' 'generally better producers,' 'require less supervision,' and exhibit other equally desirable characteristics."



The New York State Department of Social Welfare (112 State St., Albany) reports that over fifty cents of every dollar spent for the needy aged in New York State is spent for medical care.

About half of \$13,100,000 being expended monthly for the care of 85,000 aged, 38,000 disabled, and 4,000 blind is used for hospital care, nursing home care, public or private infirmary care, physician services, medication, appliances, and other medical items.

Medical costs in old-age assistance comprise more than 53 percent of the \$8,900,000 spent for such assistance, or \$4,725,000. The average monthly grant for old-age assistance in New York is \$102.83, including all medical costs; without such costs, the average grant is \$47.99. These average grants do not include whatever other income the recipients may have.



As of June 30, 1959, there were 9,791,000 OASI beneficiaries over 65 in current payment status, of whom 7,295,640 were retired workers receiving an average payment of \$72.10 per month. (About 845,000 women aged 62-64 were also drawing OASI benefits.) Total number of OASI benefits in current payment status was 13,181,380.

An incorrect address was given for Mrs. Vern Van Horn in Portland, Oreg., in our news item about the Portland Visitation (Aging 58, August 1959, p. 4). Her correct address is 2736 NE Ridgewood Dr., Portland 12. Requests for further information about the Portland Visitation should be addressed there. We regret the error.

CONFERENCES AND COURSES

Eighth Annual Conference on Gerontology of the State University of Iowa, in Iowa City, will be held October 19-20 on the University campus. Theme, with a view toward the WHCA, is "Health, Education, and Welfare Programs for our Aging Population." Special sessions are included on the role of governmental and voluntary agencies, changing conceptions of social welfare services, and community responsibilities. Governor Loveless of Iowa is scheduled to make a major address. More information: W. W. Morris, Director, Institute of Gerontology, Byington Rd., Iowa City.

Twenty-sixth Annual Conference of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials will be held at the Netherland-Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, October 18-21. "The Human Side of Housing and Urban Renewal" is the theme of a program designed to focus attention on people. NAHRO's address: 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago 37.



The Institute for the Crippled and Disabled, 400 First Ave., New York 10, announces internships in clinical and counseling psychology conducted by the Institute's Psychology Department. Open to graduate students who have successfully completed at least two years of training toward a Ph.D. in clinical or counseling psychology at approved institutions, the internships provide stipends up to \$4,200 a year, partly supported by the U.S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Programs generally start in September of each year. For further information contact Dr. Harold Chenven, Chief Psychologist at the Institute.

PUBLICATIONS

The Bureau of Employment Security, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington 25, D. C., has issued the following publications on employment of middle-aged and older workers. Single copies may be obtained free from any of the 1,800 local public employment offices throughout the country, or from the Bureau in Washington:

"Mr. Businessman! Are You Cutting Yourself Off From One-Third Of Your Labor Supply?" 1958, (Leaflet)

Presents to employers the reasons for utilizing the skill, knowledge, and ability of middle-aged and older job seekers.

"Mr. Employer: Here's How You Can Get Better Results with Older Workers," 1958. (Pamphlet) 12 pp.

Describes methods for employers to make effective use of the skills and experiences of middle-aged and older workers.

"Services to Older Workers Chart Book" 1957, 13 pp.

Visual aids to help train local employment service office personnel (and other interested persons) in the techniques of placement and counseling of middle-aged and older workers.

"What Your Employment Service Is Doing About Older Workers," 1958. (Leaflet)

Describes programs and services of public employment offices for middle-aged and older workers.

"You Can Get That Job! Maturity Is An Asset," 1958 (Pamphlet) 12 pp.

Provides suggestions to middle-aged and older job seekers on how to get the right job.

"The Nature of Retirement" by Elon H. Moore (XVI & 217 pp., 1959, \$4.50), published by the MacMillan Co., 60 Fifth Ave., New York 11, covers a range of problems most people must consider in preparing for retirement. Dr. Moore, who was head of the Department of Sociology at the University of Oregon, applied his personal experience with his own imminent retirement to the objective outlook of a social scientist, and presents a discussion based in part on questionnaire replies from nearly 1,000 retirees. After Dr. Moore's death the manuscript was edited by Gordon F. Streib, Ph.D., Director of the Study of Occupational Retirement at Cornell University. A general bibliography in the field of social gerontology is included.



"The Biological, Sociological and Psychological Aspects of Aging," by Kurt Wolff, M.D. (published by Charles C. Thomas, 301 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, Ill., June 1959, 95 pp., \$3.75), is a review of research in gerontology. It is a concise statement of some important studies in all three areas covered. The Psychological Aspect is probably the most enlightening, including an appraisal of psychoanalytic theory, research, and practice in the field of aging—an often neglected area of geriatric concentration.



The July 1959 *Statistical Bulletin* (Vol. 40) of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. contains a lead article on "Longevity of the American People in 1957" with a table of life expectancy at single years of age through age 69. Limited requests for free copies will be honored by the Statistical Bureau of the Company, 1 Madison Ave., New York 10.



First issue of the New Jersey Division of Aging's new monthly newsletter, *Added Years*, appeared in September. Mr. Earl Mohn, Public Information Officer for the Division (Department of State, Trenton 25) will honor requests from interested individuals or agencies who wish to be placed on the mailing list for *Added Years*.



"A Directory of Resources and Opportunities for the Senior Citizen in the Hollywood-Wilshire Community," 24 pp., June 1959, is available free in limited supply from Directory for Senior Citizens, Box 1391, Hollywood 28, Calif. Send 4¢ stamp to cover mailing. Four local Community Coordinating Councils joined together to form a committee which published this handy pocket-size directory with financial help from the Lions Club of Hollywood.

The Massachusetts Report of the Special Commission on Audit of State Needs is a very comprehensive and provocative survey: "Needs of Massachusetts' Older Citizens," with special reference to State programs and services, published in December, 1958. Requests for free copies, available in limited supply, should be made on organizational letterheads addressed to John P. Mallan, Executive Secretary, Audit of State Needs, Room 218, State House, Boston.

This 222-page study, printed as Massachusetts House Document No. 2500, was prepared under the auspices of an appointed commission of several outstanding experts who had the help of an Advisory Committee on Problems of the Aging representing a wide range of interests in all parts of the State. Included is an extensive bibliography, and a novel organizational chart (stapled in as a fold-out) which shows Federal, State, and Local Government agencies serving older people, divided into seven major functional groups.



A reading list for Senior Citizens and those who wish to help them: "The Best is Yet to Be—," is available in limited supply from the La Crosse Public Library, 800 Main St., La Crosse, Wisc., if stamped, self-addressed envelope is submitted with request.



"Library Service to the Aging," by Winifred Stone, Librarian of the National Committee on the Aging, has been reprinted from the June 1, 1959 issue of the *Library Journal*. This article is of particular interest not only to librarians, but also to many others engaged in programs for the aging. Free reprints of this article are available from the National Committee's Library, Room 905, 345 E. 46th St., New York 17.



"Hobbies," a four-page reading list prepared by the Reader's Advisory Service, St. Louis Public Library, Olive, 13th and 14th Sts., St. Louis, Mo., is available free, in limited supply, upon request.



The Lutheran Hospitals and Homes Society, 114 Roberts St., Box 1587, Fargo, N. D., has started publishing an illustrated periodical bulletin, *Health for the Rural West*, dealing with the four categories, "The Sick — The Handicapped — The Children — The Aged." The August issue—like earlier alternate issues—deals with the aged, with special reports on development of recreation programs in nursing homes. Individual copies, in limited number, are available without charge from Mr. O. H. Pannkoek at the Society.

The August issue of *Chronic Illness Newsletter* (Vol. 10, No. 4) contains a complete reprint of "Guides for Medical Care in Nursing Homes and Related Facilities" developed jointly by the American Nursing Home Association and the Council on Medical Service of the American Medical Association. Recently approved in final form by both organizations, these guides were prepared to aid administrators of nursing homes and homes for the aged to see that patients receive proper medical attention, and to assist physicians to make the best use of such facilities. Copies are available from the Council on Medical Service, AMA, 535 N. Dearborn, Chicago 11, or from the ANHA, 1346 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.



"A Guide to Community Services for Senior Citizens" in Chicago, revised May 1959, has been published by the Mayor's Commission for Senior Citizens with the cooperation of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago. The listing of services in Chicago is divided into eight major headings: LEISURE TIME OPPORTUNITIES, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, EMPLOYMENT, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, HEALTH, HOUSING, PERSONAL COUNSELING, and VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS. Individual copies of this 28-page booklet, in limited supply, are available from the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago, 123 W. Madison St., Chicago 2. Stamped, self-addressed envelope should accompany request.



A descriptive paper about the White Plains Senior Citizens' Employment Service, together with a "Plan of Operations" for such a service is available, without charge, from the Senior Personnel Employment Committee, 50 Quarropas St., White Plains, N. Y. Title of the pamphlet is "Experience, Loyalty and Skill Come With Age."



The August 1959 issue of the *Monthly Labor Review* (Vol. 82, No. 8) includes on p. 855 a study of compulsory and automatic retirement provisions, "Involuntary Retirement Provisions" by Harry L. Levin, as well as an abridgement of the entire survey on "Resources and Health Status of OASI Beneficiaries" (p. 882) which was separately reported in several recent issues of the *Social Security Bulletin*. The *Monthly Labor Review*, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, is available at 55¢ per copy, or \$6.25 a year, from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

The Jewish Federation of Omaha (formerly the Federation of Jewish Service) has available two new catalogs "Films on Aged and Aging" (16-mm sound), and "Filmstrips on Aged and Aging," which list and describe 23 films and 8 filmstrips. Copies of either or both may be had on request from the Jewish Federation Film Library, 101 N. 20th St., Omaha 2, Nebr.



The ninth *Annual Report Recommendations and Directory* (for the Year 1958) of the Division of Welfare Agencies, Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, is available free from The Office of Health and Welfare, Presbyterian National Missions, 475 Riverside Dr., New York 27. This is the final report issued by the Division of Welfare Agencies because its functions were transferred on July 1 to The Office of Health and Welfare. The transfer and the *Report* were approved at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on May 25. A listing of "Services for the Aging" begins on p. 14.



An old age reading list, "Future Indicative", prepared at the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, 2822 Montana Ave., Billings, Mont., is available in limited supply from Ann Whitmack, Librarian. Send 5¢ in coin or stamps. This four-page bibliography is divided into sections on the "Art of Living", "Keeping Fit", "Recreation", "Money Matters", "Where to Retire", "Time for Hobbies", and "The Golden Years".



A new bibliography from Baltimore's public library describes over 20 books and thirteen 16-mm sound films under the heading "The Later Years" (Books and films for the Counselor and Social Worker). This is a revision of an earlier list, but with many changes and additions. Single copies 5¢; 25 for 75¢; 50 for \$1.50; 100 for \$2.50; 500 for \$10. Orders should be addressed to: Publications, Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore 1.



A limited number of free copies of two leaflets published by the Committee on Aging, Town of South Kingston, are available from M.C.S. Noble, Jr., P.O. Box 26, Kingston, R.I. Titled "To Help You Adjust Your Living Arrangements More Satisfactorily as You Grow Older" and "This Is Your Bookmark" (a bibliography of items on aging), they may be of interest to many other communities.

The October issue of *Coronet* magazine includes (on p. 108) an article on employment problems, "How to Find a Job After 40," by Harold M. Williams, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Advisory Board on Problems of Older Workers. Mr. Williams gives much valuable pinpoint advice.



A new (September 1959) edition of the single-sheet listing of "Retirement Hotels" has been issued by DHEW's Special Staff on Aging in Washington. Single copies are available without charge upon request. This is a listing, by State, of 66 "retirement hotels" which have been brought to the attention of the Special Staff on Aging.



The *Annual Report—1958* of the Methodist Hospital and Home for the Aged is available in limited supply, at 10¢ per copy, from The Methodist Home, 400 Bower Hill Rd., Pittsburgh 16, Penna. This is a handsomely printed 36-page booklet which includes photographs of activities at the Home.



The *Pennsylvania Older Worker* is an informal monthly publication of the Advisory Board on Problems of Older Workers, Department of Labor and Industry, Harrisburg, Penna. Its purpose is to keep Pennsylvanians who are concerned with the employment of older workers informed of latest developments "within and without the Commonwealth." For more information: Harold W. Williams, Executive Director of the Advisory Board.



Two new booklets on "Occupational Therapy" and "Physical Therapy" have been issued as departmental manuals at the Mary Manning Walsh Home, 420 E. 49th St., New York 22. They are available from Mother M. Bernadette de Lourdes, O. Carm., for \$1 per copy. Both are well illustrated with photographs and contain sample charts used in the Home's therapy programs, as well as equipment lists, etc.



The 1958 *Annual Report* of the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews of New York, 121 W. 125th St., New York 25, is an excellent example of a quality publication. Only a limited supply is available for 50¢ (stamps or cash) per copy to help cover cost of printing and postage. It would be of particular interest to institutions and organizations who are planning a similar publication.

The Health & Welfare Council of the National Capital Area, Inc., 1101 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C., has published a Recreation Directory for Senior Citizens in Washington, "Now's the Time" (11 pp., June, 1959). This was a special project of the Council's Conference on Aging composed of professional staff and board members of health, welfare and recreation agencies and community organizations concerned with the problems of aging. A very limited number of free copies is available. Miss Dorothy T. Pearse is Chairman of the Council's Conference on Aging.

Another new publication of the HWC of the National Capital Area is "After 65—Status of Older People in Metropolitan Washington", (Publication No. 4), with 27 charts and 21 tables (74 pp.) It may be purchased at the following rates: 1-9 copies @ 50¢; 10-49 copies @ 46¢; 50 or more @ 25¢. This fact book contains information on the size and characteristics of the older portion of the population of the National Capital area, with some comparisons to national figures and other metropolitan areas. Each chart is accompanied by a short interpretive statement. A short analysis of "Trends" is also included.



The Library of the Federal Housing Administration, Washington 25, D. C., has a new selective bibliography on aging, in four sections: Publications giving Federal, State and local sources of information; periodicals; suggested reading list; and other bibliographies. Titled "FHA Library: Selected References on Aging", it is not restricted to materials on housing.



An article (pp. 276-278) in the May 1959 issue (Vol. 7, No. 5) of *Nursing Outlook*, on "Gerontology in the Basic Curriculum" describes how "basic nursing students learn what old people need to be healthy, happy, useful, and secure." *Nursing Outlook* (10 Columbus Circle, New York 19) is published monthly for the National League of Nursing.

Single copies of "Proceedings of Home Care Conference" which was held June 4, 1958, in Reading, Pa., are available, without cost, from Herman M. Melitzer, Director of the Bureau of Community Consultation, Office for the Aging, Department of Public Welfare, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg. This conference was co-sponsored by the Office for the Aging and the Pennsylvania County Home Superintendents Association. Included in the 43-page "Proceedings", in addition to a full report and summary, is an interesting series of appendices: List of Participants, Attendance Analysis, Report on Conference Evaluation Sheets, Bibliography, and Some Facts about the Aging.



Recent issues of *Geriatrics* (84 S. Tenth St., Minneapolis 3; \$8 a year, 75¢ per copy) again have a number of interesting articles for non-medical specialists:

- JUNE (Vol. 14, No. 6):
"Alcoholism in a Home for the Aged," p. 391.
"Care of the Feet in the Aged Patient," p. 405.
- JULY (Vol. 14, No. 7):
"New Developments in Family Diagnosis in Emotional Disorders of Old Age," p. 443.
Part I of a series on Employment and pre-retirement problems of the older workers: "Productivity of the Older Worker."
- AUGUST (Vol. 14, No. 8):
"Common Problems of Clinical Psychology and Audiology in Geriatric Rehabilitation," p. 496.
Part II of the series on employment: "Job Counseling and Placement Services for Persons over 40."
- SEPTEMBER (Vol. 14, No. 9):
"Health Insurance for Older People," p. 574.
Part III of the series on employment: "Education for Retirement," p. 591.
"Design for Retirement," a Report of the 1959 Michigan Conference, p. 595.



A book list, "Is Retirement Ahead?", prepared by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio, is available in limited supply from Miss Alda Vitz, Education and Religion Department, Public Library, 8th and Vine Streets, Cincinnati 2.